

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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and Jason D. Carlson

Group Art Unit: not yet assigned

Examiner: not yet assigned

For: METHOD FOR FLAGGING AND RELATING INFORMATION IN A  
COMPUTER SYSTEM

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matter which is claimed and for which a

☒ Utility Patent

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is sought on the invention, whose title appears above, the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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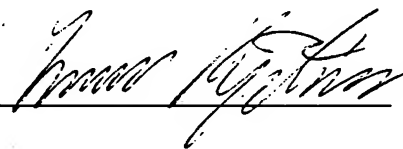
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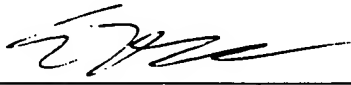
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